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## KHPA Board Executive Committee to Meet

Discussion to Focus on Allotment Cuts

(TOPEKA) – The Executive Committee of the Kansas Health Policy Authority Board will meet Friday, Dec. 4, to consider recommendations for implementing budget cuts that were recently ordered by Gov. Mark Parkinson. The meeting will take place from 1-2:30 p.m. at the KHPA office: Landon State Office Building,  $9^{th}$  Floor, 900 SW Jackson Ave., Topeka, Kansas, 66612. The meeting is open to the media and the public. A copy of the agenda is attached.

**Background:** On Monday, Nov. 23, Gov. Parkinson ordered "allotment" cuts for KHPA totaling \$16.8 million in State General Fund spending. Most of that (\$12.5 million) results from an across-the-board 10 percent cut in provider reimbursement rates. Another \$1,133,544 is directed to come from cuts in administrative costs for HealthWave and other agency operations.

On Friday, KHPA staff will present the Executive Committee with recommendations for implementing those administrative cuts.

At its last regular meeting Nov. 17, the full KHPA board authorized the Executive Committee to review and approve staff recommendations for implementing the allotment cuts which, at that time, had not yet been announced. The full Board is not scheduled to meet again until January 26.

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